

DM-592

DEPUTIES' MEETING

Monday, 19 August 1957

PRESENT: General Cabell, Mr. Wisner, Mr. Amory, Col. White,
Messrs. [] Sheldon, []

General Cabell:

a) Referred to a letter which had been prepared for his signature to [] saying that we had looked into our employment situation here and had nothing suitable for the Admiral. General Cabell noted that previously there had been discussions concerning the advisability of engaging Adm. [] as a member of the Board of National Estimates. General Cabell gave the proposed letter to Mr. Amory and asked that he look into this situation thoroughly before we advise Adm. [] that we have nothing for him.

b) Referred to a paper prepared by the DD/I office proposing guided missile exchanges with the USSR, which proposals are scheduled to come up for IAC consideration on 27 August. He asked Mr. Amory to verbally summarize this paper for the benefit of Messrs. Wisner, [] and Sheldon who were not familiar with it and requested that Messrs. Wisner and Sheldon study the proposals and furnish the Acting Director their respective comments. He noted that he had certain reservations on these proposals since in his view the proposed exchanges involved a "weapons system" as differentiated from normal industrial exchanges and therefore might be more properly considered within the framework of U. S. Disarmament activities.

c) Referred to a paper containing policy proposals involving assignment of military personnel to CIA. This paper had been prepared by Col. Matthew C. Stewart of the Office of Special Operations in the Department of Defense in conjunction with [] and copies had been previously circulated to the Deputies for consideration prior to this meeting. Several suggestions were made by those present, all of which were noted by Col. White who undertook to see that these changes were incorporated in the final paper. General Cabell then noted that in this connection he had asked that a seminar be arranged for the benefit of the military personnel in the Department of Defense who are responsible for the personnel processing and handling of the assignments of military personnel to the CIA. It was agreed by all present that such a seminar should prove helpful in establishing better rapport between our people and those in the military most directly involved in the assignment of military personnel to CIA.

Mr. Wisner:

25X1 a) Referred to cable [] from the DCI relating DCI's conversations with high British officials. Mr. Wisner noted that this cable contained matters of interest not only to the DD/I but to both the Cumming and Ream offices in the State Department. He suggested that in order to convey the appropriate information to the interested parties, he would arrange a round table discussion between State Department and CIA representatives.

25X1 b) Remarked that he understood the Acting DCI had had a chance to talk to [] who recently attended the Moscow Youth Festival. Mr. Wisner expressed the belief that the DD/P representatives who had had an opportunity to listen [] had learned a great deal 25X1 from him, particularly in the PsyWar field and stated that he thought it might be desirable if arrangements could be made for [] to address the OCB 25X1 at an early date. General Cabell agreed that what [] had to say was most 25X1 impressive and that it would be highly desirable if the OCB could listen to him for half an hour. Mr. Wisner undertook to see what arrangements could be worked out on this.

25X1 Mr. []

25X1 a) Stated that consideration was being given to appointing [] 25X1 in charge of [] upon his return from [] He pointed out, however, 25X1 that [] present [] Reserve rank is considerably lower than would be necessary for him to hold as [] in an active duty status. 25X1 He therefore wished to inquire as to the possibility of giving [] a higher 25X1 courtesy or temporary rank than his present one. Col. White pointed out that this was virtually impossible because of the great competition among reservists for recalls to active duty. He expressed the belief that CIA should not ask the Services to recall our personnel to active duty at higher ranks than those to which they are normally entitled if the reason is primarily for our convenience. We should base this type of request on a purely operational justification.

25X1 b) Noted that [] had recently raised the problem of field visits by high level representatives from the Budget Bureau, the Killian Committee, etc. [] had pointed out that these visitors always necessitate 25X1 a great deal of activity in all of the various intelligence offices and other government departments, both in Washington and the field. [] had 25X1 suggested that in the field at least a single representative in one agency, perhaps CIA, should be designated as the Executive Agent to handle such visits and see that they are properly coordinated with all necessary offices and activities in the field. After some discussion it was agreed by all present that this was inadvisable and that no effort should be made to change the present manner in which such visits are handled within the channels of the respective departments and agencies concerned.

Colonel White:

Read to the group the revised regulation covering the protection and disclosure of classified agency information. This regulation had been reworded in order to give it sufficient strength and clarity that it might be cited by any employee being pressed to disclose classified information in a court action. In its revised form this regulation makes it emphatically clear that the final decision cannot be made by the employee being questioned as a witness but only by the DCI.

25X1 Mr. []

25X1 Noted that his office had received a call from Mr. Richard Arens of the House Committee on Un-American Activities, asking that he be put in touch with various [] who had attended the Moscow Youth Festival in order that he might obtain testimony from them concerning the Communist nature of the festival. A good deal of concern was expressed by those present as to why we should get into this picture at all as a "go between" between the 25X1 [] and the HCUA. The Acting DCI asked Mr. [] to arrange 25X1 immediately for the Legislative Counsel to take action in this matter coordinating properly with the [] and other components as necessary. 25X1

